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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/845,803	ZEIRA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Raj Jain	2664	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 May 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments, filed 1 August 2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 22-30 under 35 USC 102(e) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of new prior art.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 22-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miya et al (US 200200161) in view of Endo et al (US006035210A).

Regarding claims 22, 25 and 28, Miya discloses a means and method for downlink power control for use in a spread spectrum time division communication system having time slots for communication (see Fig. 1, paras 0009 and 0020) comprising:

-at a user equipment, receiving a CCTrCH and transmitting at least one power command to a base station in response to a signal to interference ratio of the received CCTrCH (see Figs 2 and 5, paras 0009, 0058-0060, the mobile stations receives the

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signal via the control channel from the base station and transmits a TPC (power control) signal to the base station based on SIR measurements from the previous time slot);

-a transmission power level for each downlink communication time slot is set individually in response to the interference power measurement for that time slot and the power command (see Figs 2 and 5, paras 0009, 0058-0060, the mobile station performs the SIR measurements for each time slot intervals and transmits a TPC signal (Di) back to the base station to increase or decrease downlink power transmission in the next time interval sequence).

Miya fails to disclose the user equipment sending interference power measurements to the base station.

Endo discloses the user equipment sending interference power measurements to the base station (see col 2 lines 17-22, col 10 lines 39-53).

Sending interference power measurements to the base station improves reception qualities for all users within a cell by minimizing the transmit power from the base station to the mobiles and therefore reducing overall network interference to each end user.

Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Endo within Miya of sending interference power measurements to the base station so as to improve reception qualities for all users within a cell by minimizing the transmit power from the base station to the mobiles and therefore reducing overall network interference to each end user.

Regarding claims 23, 26 and 29, Miya discloses the use of time slots/frames for transmission of power control (see para 0009, 0058-0060 and Fig 5). Miya discloses the TDD frame format by time dividing the radio frequency and representing the timeslots with transmission timing "i" where  $i=0,1,\dots$  representing the individual slots. The mobile station (MS) power control is based on the SIR measurements carried out by the MS for each timeslot "i".

Regarding claims 24, 27 and 30, Miya discloses calculating interference power measurements for each timeslot based on the downlink reception data ( $R_i$ ) received at the mobile station (see paras 0025, 0058-0060, Fig 5).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raj Jain whose telephone number is 571-272-3145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

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August 9, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Fair', is written over the printed text 'RJ'.